# Special Needs - Summer Camp Programs



#### **FUN FOR ONE AND ALL!**

The Special Needs Program is pleased to offer camp choices for families wishing to register children for outdoor programs. The BEACHLAND BUDDIES CAMP provides a personalized experience for children requiring greater assistance and guidance. Inclusive recreation is offered at other Town facilities with general assistance provided by Special Needs Program Staff. If your child has not participated in Special Needs Program camp in the past, please speak with the Special Needs Program Coordinator to discuss options and camp placement BEFORE registering. The exchange of information is vital to the enjoyment of the camp experience. \*\*INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES ARE OFFERED TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN NEEDING SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS.\*\*



Registration will take place at the Elmwood Community Center's main office, 1106 New Britain Avenue, beginning Monday March 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. (NOTE: NO ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS ARE TAKEN FOR CHILDREN REGISTERING IN CAMPS THROUGH THE SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM.) Packet with required forms and additional camp information will be given (or mailed) to families at registration. Physicals are required and "Authorization for the Administration of Medicine Forms" must be completed for those children requiring medication during the camp day. CAMP REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012. MEDICAL FORMS must be received by ECC staff by Friday, June 15, 2012.

## **Beachland Buddies Summer Camp 2012**

Age 6 - through 21st Birthday

West Hartford's summer camp program for individuals with special needs will be offered at Beachland Park on South Quaker Lane or at Elmwood Community Center in inclement weather. ECC is located at 1106 New Britain Avenue. Camp will be offered for 7 weeks, July 2 - August 17 between the hours of 12:30 and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration is offered on a weekly basis to best accommodate family vacation plans. (**No camp Wednesday, July 4.**)

Campers will enjoy theme activities, group games, sports, arts and crafts, music and swimming. The camp will be staffed by a Camp Director, a Camp Nurse, and 1:1 Aides having professional and academic experience in the field of special education. Children requiring 1:1 assistance have a personalized experience in this program and medical needs can be attended to.

PROGRAM #	DAY	TIME	DATES	RES.NRES
381400A	M, T, Th, F	12:30 - 4:00P	7/02 - 7/06*	\$168 - \$210
381400B	Mon - Fri	12:30 - 4:00P	7/09 - 7/13	\$210 - \$262
381400C	Mon - Fri	12:30 - 4:00P	7/16 - 7/20	\$210 - \$262
381400D	Mon - Fri	12:30 - 4:00P	7/23 - 7/27	\$210 - \$262
381400E	Mon - Fri	12:30 - 4:00P	7/30 - 8/03	\$210 - \$262
381400F	Mon - Fri	12:30 - 4:00P	8/06 - 8/10	\$210 - \$262
381400G	Mon - Fri	12:30 - 4:00P	8/13 - 8/17	\$210 - \$262

\*No Class 7/04

LOCATION: BEACHLAND PARK OR ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER



## ALL MEDICAL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012 FOR REVIEW BY CAMP NURSE.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 25 campers per week. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS MONDAY JUNE 4, 2012 - NO EXCEPTIONS.** This will allow time for staff training and consultations to best meet the needs of the campers and finalize daily camp plans.

## **Human & Leisure Services Summer Camps**

Families may consider mainstream camps listed in this brochure if children are capable of participation in an inclusive setting with shared staff. **Registration must be pre-approved by the Special Needs Program Coordinator at ECC (860-561-8173).** Conversations with parents and with school personnel will determine how to best meet the children's recreational needs as well as appropriateness of placements.

Registration must be completed by June 4, 2012 for hiring and training of support staff.

Conard High School "Kids Helping Kids" Club





### \*\*Lose the Training Wheels\*\*

West Hartford Human & Leisure Services and the Conard High School "Kids Helping Kids" Club have joined forces to bring an innovative program to West Hartford to benefit children ages 8-18 with special needs.

"Lose the Training Wheels," is a unique program which uses specially designed, ultra-stable bicycles called "adapted roller training bikes" that enable children who have been previously unable to ride a bicycle to progress to conventional bicycles and become successful riders.

The program is staffed by qualified volunteers and professional Town of West Hartford staff under the direction of Lose the Training Wheels staff. Campers register for 1/1/2 hour sessions, Monday through Friday.

The program runs Monday, July 23, through Friday, July 27 at Hall High School. Fees have yet to be determined.

Complete information about the national program is available at www.losethetrainingwheels.org.

Details on the West Hartford program will be available at www.west-hartford.com/leisureservices.